

PROCLAMATION

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18-24, 2021 AS
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK*

PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, in the United States more than 1.2 million people were victims of violent crime and 12.8 million households experienced one or more property victimization in 2019; and

WHEREAS, victims of repeat victimization who do not receive supportive services are at greater risk to be victimized again and unaddressed trauma from victimization weakens the resilience of victims and their communities, impeding their ability to withstand future trauma; and

WHEREAS, crime can impact the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, with a trauma-informed multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professions, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is essential to reaching and serving all victims – especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or live in remote locations; and

WHEREAS, with the support of victim service providers and the community behind them, victims will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, and anger without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

WHEREAS, providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS, our community is determined to respond to crime and violence by helping victims find not only support, recovery and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Victim Services Division of the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, having provided assistance to approximately 18,200 new victims of crime in 2020, is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and working for a better future for all victims and survivors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates **April 18 – 24, 2021 as NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** in the County of San Mateo and encourages everyone to recommit efforts to ensuring that victims of crime receive all appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to victims of crime so that they may find assistance, support, justice and peace.

Dated: April 20, 2021

SUPERVISORS:

DAVID CANEPA, PRESIDENT

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